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SERMON OUTLINE

FOLLOWING JESUS #16

CHOOSING THE NARROW WAY

LUKE 13:1-35 | REV. LITO VILLORIA

There are doors that do not stay open forever. A missed opportunity often begins with a delayed response. In Luke 13, Jesus warns that God's invitation is gracious but urgent. Through tragedy, parables, and the image of a narrow door, He calls people to respond before the opportunity passes.

Jesus first called His hearers to repent while God's patience remained. When people reported the deaths of Galileans killed by Pilate and victims crushed by the tower of Siloam, Jesus redirected attention from the sins of others to the need for personal repentance. Through the Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, He showed that God's patience provides opportunity for repentance, but judgment remains

certain for those who refuse to respond. (Luke 13:1-9)

Jesus then revealed that God's kingdom was already advancing through His power and purpose. He healed a woman who had been crippled for eighteen years, while the synagogue ruler objected because the healing happened on the Sabbath. Jesus exposed the misplaced priorities of those who valued tradition above compassion. Through the parables of the mustard seed and leaven, He showed that the kingdom may appear small at first, but it grows according to God's power and purpose. (Luke 13:10-21)

Jesus then warned that the narrow door must be entered before it closes. When someone asked

whether only a few would be saved, Jesus turned the question into a personal call to respond. Religious familiarity, heritage, and outward association would not secure entrance into God's kingdom. The chapter ends with Jesus lamenting over Jerusalem, showing both His compassion and the tragedy of refusing His invitation. (Luke 13:22-35)

Following Jesus requires choosing the narrow way because God's patience is merciful but not endless, His kingdom advances according to His purpose, and His salvation must be received through a personal response to Christ. The purpose of this sermon is to call people to repent without delay, take part in God's mission, and keep walking with Jesus. ✠

INVEST IN THE NEXT GENERATION

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In Deuteronomy 32:45-47, Moses told Israel to take God's Word to heart and command it to their children because it was "no empty word," but their very life. Moses stood at the edge of the Promised Land. He would not enter it, but the next generation would. His concern was not only that Israel would remember God's Word, but that they would pass it on faithfully to their children.

Faith does not transfer automatically from one generation to the next. God's Word must be taught, modeled, reinforced, and lived. The next generation will not be disciplined by accident. They must be intentionally formed by God's truth, godly examples, and faithful investment.

This conviction was reinforced during ACCM 2026 and IDMC Manila 2026. ACCM 2026 carried the theme Disciple or Die 3.0. IDMC Manila 2026 called us to Rekindle Your Spiritual Passion. Both conferences reminded us that discipling is not optional. It is essential to the life and future of the church.

One truth has become clearer to me: God's people must not only be preached to, taught, led, and shepherded. They must also be intentionally journeyed with toward faithfulness to the Great Commission, so that they become disciples who make disciples who will multiply disciples.

This is especially important when we think about the next generation. Our young people

need more than occasional inspiration, exciting events, and good intentions. They need intentional discipleship. They need mature believers who will walk with them, model Christlikeness before them, help them understand God's Word, and equip them to become disciples who make disciples.

That is why I am grateful for what God is doing through our NextGen Ministry. On Saturday, July 18, 2026, GCF South Metro will host the NextGen Conference entitled: The Uncommon Life: Living Out the Kingdom in Every Space.

This conference is designed to challenge and equip young people to live out their faith wherever God places them—in their homes, schools, workplaces, friendships, online spaces, and communities. Our prayer is not simply that they will attend an event, but that they will encounter God through His Word, deepen their convictions, embrace their identity in Christ, and learn to live faithfully for Him in every sphere of life.

This conference is not only for GCF South Metro. We desire to serve the broader body of Christ. We are inviting churches, youth ministries, campus groups, and Christian organizations from various denominations to join us. The task of discipling the next generation belongs to all of us.

May I encourage our church family to pray, participate, and partner with us. If you have children,

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grandchildren, nieces, nephews, students, or young people under your care, encourage them to attend. If you know pastors, youth leaders, ministry partners, or have connections with public schools, campus groups, or student communities, please help us spread the word and extend the invitation.

We also recognize that some young people may face financial constraints. The registration fee is only ₱250, inclusive of food and conference materials, but even that amount can be difficult for some students. You may consider sponsoring a student or helping young people from other churches and communities attend. Your support can help open the door for them to hear God's Word, experience Christian community, and take meaningful steps in their walk with Christ.

Ultimately, our discipling efforts are not only for one church or ministry. We long to see lives changed, churches strengthened, communities renewed, and our nation transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ. As we invest in the next generation, we are praying that God will raise disciples who will carry His truth into every sphere of society.

Let us not assume that the next generation will automatically follow Christ. Let us teach them intentionally, walk with them faithfully, and invest in them prayerfully. By God's grace, let us help them become disciples who make disciples for the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom. ✠

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